Surmers & gray.

The work consists of a disconnected diary, extending from August 27, 1862, to September, 1883, covering the period of the transition from the administratation of Beaconsfield to that of Gladstone. The entire book is devoted to domestic and family affairs. The political allu-sions are only incidental. The illustrations sions are only incidental. The illustrations are numerous, there are portraits of the Queen and Princesses Eleanor, and Louise and Beatrice; also a portrait of John Brown, the Queen's body servant, and other of her attendants. There are pictures of the Queen's twe collie dogs, Sharp and Noble, and several views of scenes in the Highlands from sketches made by the Princess Beatrice. In the preface the royal authoress says: "Remembering the feeling with which our 'Life in the Highlands' was received, the writer thinks the present volume may equally awaken sympathy. present volume may equally awaken sympathy as while describing her very altered life it shows how her sad and suffering heart was soothed and cheered by the excursions and in-cidents it recounts as well as by simple moantaineers, from whom she learned many lessons of resignation and faith in the quiet and beautiful Highlands."

EXTRACTS:

The diary opens with the building of a memorial cairn in honor of the late Prince consert. It reads as follows: "We started off in a little pony chaise, led by Brows, with the Prince of Wales in front; Eleanor and Louise Prince of Wales in front; Eleanor and Louise on ponies, with the two little boys, Arthur and Leopold. I actually drove the little carriage to the very top of Craig Lowrigan, Grant and Duncan pushing the carriage behind, of sweet baby Beatrice. We found at the top the view so fine, the day so bright and the weather so beautifully fine. But there was no pleasure, no joy—all was dead. Here at the top is the foundation of the cairn to be erected to the memory of my precious Albert. I and my poor six orphans placed the stones on it, and poor six orphans placed the stones on it, and our initials are to be placed on the stones all around."

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Several succeeding entries mention other visits to the Prince's cairn, along with the family records, and remarks on demestics. The following may serve as an example of the latter: "When near the cairn Grant said, 'I thought you would like to be here to-day, on his birthday.' So entirely was be of the opinion that this beloved day, and even the 14th of December, the anniversary of his death, must not be looked upon as a day of mourning. There is so much good and strong faith in There is so much good and strong faith in these simple people." In October, 1863, when making an excursion from Balmoral to Clore, making an excursion from Balmoral to Clora, the carriage was overturned. The face and right hand of the Queen were bruised and Brown's knees were badly hurt. The adoceed-ing entries refer to

BROWN'S INTERIES.

"I was much grieved at breakfast to find that poor Brown's legs were badly cut, and he said nothing about it, but to-day one be-came so inflamed and swelled so much that be came so inflamed and swelled so much that he could hardly move. The doctor said he must keep it up as much as possible and walk very little, but did not forbed bis going out with the carriage. I did not go out in the morning." The next day, October 12th, the Queen writes: "Brown's leg is much better. The doctor thought he could walk over the hill to-mornow."

When making the first visit to Glassalt Lodge, in 1863, the diary describes the house warming as follows: "Brown came to say that all the servants were ready. There were present Louise, Arthur, Jane, Lady Churchill, present Leuise, Arthur, Jane, Lady Churchill, a number of domestics and the police. We made nineteen altogether. Five animated reels were danced, in which all but myself joined. After the first reel whisky toddy was brought for every one, and Brown begged I would drink to fire the kindling. The meny pretty little ball ended at II, but the men went on singing in the steward's room for some time. All were very happy, but sad thoughts filled my heart, both before dinner and when I retired. I thought of my darling husband, whom I fancied I must see and who always wished to build here. Then the sad thought struck me, that it was my first widow's house."

LOUISE AND LORNE. October 3, 1870, the Princess Louise became

engaged to the Marquis of Lorne. The event took place, the Queen says, during a walk from Glassalt Shiel to Dhu Loch, where the from Glassalt Shiel to Dhu Loch, where the Princess had gone with Lady Ely, the Lord Chancellor and Lorne. "Louise, on returning at night, told me that Lorne had spoken of his devotion to her and proposed to her. She had accepted, knowing that I would approve. Though I was not unprepared for this result, I felt painfully the thought of losing her, but naturally cave consent and could only uray naturally gave consent and could only pray she might be happy."

NAPOLEON'S PALL.

The sole reference to the events in France of 1870 occurs in speaking of a sermon which she heard in Balmoral. June, 1879, the Queen records the receipt of the news telling of the death of the Prince Imperial.

"Brown knocked and came in. He said there was bad news. When, I, in alarm, asked 'What?" he repied, 'The young French Prince is killed.' I could not take it in, and asked several times. Beatrice then came in with a telegram in her hand and said, 'Ohl the Prince several times. Beatrice then came it my with a telegram in her hand and said, "Oh! the Prince Imperial is killed." I feel a thrill of horror now as I write the words. I put my hand to my bead and cried out, 'No, no! It can't be true.' Then dear Bentrice, who cried vary much, as I did, too, gave me the telegram. To die in such an awful, horrible way! Poor, dear, Empress! Her only, only child, her all, gone. I was quite beside myself, Brown was so distressed. Every one was quite stunned. Little eleep did I get at night, thinking of the poor Empress, who did not yet know it. The Prince was good and so much beloved. To think of that dear young man, the apple of his mother's eye, born and northard in the purple, dying thus, is too fearful, too awful; and it is inexplicable and dreadful that others should not have turned round and fought for him."

RECOLLECTIONS. RECOLLECTIONS.

One section of the diary gives recollections of "My dear and valued friend, Dr. Norman MacLeod." During her excarsions the Queen's privacy was greatly troubled by reporters. When visiting Gleonoe she writes: "The day was most beautiful and calm. I sat down on the grass for luncheou. Then I sketched. Here, however, here in this complete solitude we were spied on by impudent, inquisitive reporters, who followed us everywhere. One in particular who writes for some Scotch paper, lay dawn and watched us with a telescope, dogsed me and Beatrice when we were walking about, and was most impertinent when Brown went to tell him to nove. He went away at last. Brown came back, saying there Brown went to tell him to move. He went away at last. Brown came back, saying there would have been a fight, for when Brown said the Queen wished him to move he said he had quite as good a right to remain as the Queen had. Brown answered very strongly that the highest gentleman in England would not do what he did, much less a manly reporter. Other reporters came up and advised the man to come away quietly."

The concluding page is devoted to the death of Brewn. It contains these sentiments: "His

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iruly, devotedly and untiringly. To say he is daily and hourly missed by me, whose lifelong gratitude he won by lifelong care and devo-tion, is but a feeble expression of the truth." A MOTHER'S SOLICITUDE.

So far as its political interest is concerned the book is, throughout, disappointing. All the Queen's remarks have a direct relation to the queen's remarks may a direct relation her personal emotions. Even in her allusion to the Egyptian campaign and the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, her only thought is for the safety of the Duke of Connaught. The diary says, "On the eve of the attack I prayed earnestly "On the eve of the attack I prayed carnestly for my darling child and longed for the morrow." On the next day she gets a telegram announcing a great victory and reporting that the Duke had behaved admirably, whereupon she says; "I felt unbounded joy and gratitude. I showed the telegram to Beatrice and embraced her warmly, saying, 'What joy and pride and cause for thanks we have to know that our darling is safe and so much resisted. that our darling is safe and so much praised, I feel quite beside myself with joy, though grieved to think of our lesses."

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